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AMENDMENT

In The Claim

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A memory device, comprising
a substrate;
a gate oxide layer, disposed on a surface of the substrate;
a gate, disposed on a portion of the gate oxide layer;
a buried drain line, located in the substrate beside both sides of the gate;
a spacer, disposed on sidewalls of the gate;
a deep doped region, located in the substrate below a part of the buried drain line,
wherein the buried drain line and the deep doped region together form a bit line of the memory device;
an insulation layer, disposed on the gate oxide layer and above the bit line; and
a word line, disposed ~~on~~^{above} the gate and the insulation layer, perpendicular to a direction of the bit line.

Claim 2. (Original) The memory device of claim 1, wherein the insulation layer is formed with silicon oxide.

Claim 3. (Original) The memory device of claim 1, wherein the spacer is formed with silicon oxide.

Claim 4. (Original) The memory device of claim 1, wherein the word line is formed with a material comprising polysilicon.

Claim 5. (Original) The memory device of claim 1, wherein the deep doped region is located in the substrate beside both sides of the spacer.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A fabrication method for a memory device, comprising:
forming a gate oxide layer on a substrate;
forming a bar-shaped conductive structure on the gate oxide layer, wherein a cap layer is formed on a top of the bar-shaped conductive structure;
forming a buried drain line in the substrate beside both sides of the bar-shaped conductive structure;
forming a spacer on sidewalls of the bar-shaped conductive structure and the cap layer after forming the buried drain line;
forming a deep doped region in the substrate beside both sides of the spacer, wherein the buried drain line and the deep doped region together form a bit line of the memory device;
forming an insulation layer on the gate oxide layer and above the bit line;
removing the cap layer;

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forming a conductive layer on the bar-shaped conductive structure and the insulation layer and over the substrate; and

patterning the conductive layer and the bar-shaped conductive structure in a direction perpendicular to a direction of the bit line to form a word line and a plurality of gates.

Claim 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein there is an etching selectivity between the cap layer and the spacer.

Claim 8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein there is an etching selectivity between the cap layer and the insulation layer.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the cap layer is formed with a material comprising silicon nitride.

Claim 10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the spacer is formed with a material comprising silicon oxide.

Claim 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein ~~an~~the insulation layer is formed with a material comprising silicon oxide.

Claim 12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein forming the buried drain line includes performing an ion implantation process using the cap layer and the bar-shaped conductive structure as an implantation mask.

Claim 13. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the deep doped region is formed by performing an ion implantation process using the cap layer and the spacer as an implantation mask.

Claim 14. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein forming the insulation layer above the bit line comprises:

forming globally an insulation material on the substrate, the insulation layer covers the cap layer; and

removing a portion of the insulation material until the cap layer is exposed.

Claim 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein removing the portion of the insulation material includes performing back etching or chemical mechanical polishing.

Claim 16. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein forming the bar-shaped conductive structure and the cap layer comprises:

forming sequentially a conductive layer and a material layer on the gate oxide layer; and patterning the material layer and the conductive layer to form the bar-shaped conductive

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structure and the cap layer.

Claim 17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein forming the spacer comprises:

forming a conformal silicon oxide layer on the substrate; and
back-etching the conformal silicon oxide layer to form the spacer.